

did not explain why the oath had been sworn." It was said that the King of the Ashantee claimed to be a Dutch. That point, however, had not been neglected by us. We had ascertained from the Dutch that acknowledged no such claim, and we had come to the King of the Ashantee that no such claim would be recognized. The King had declared himself satisfied, and it was arranged that he should receive a stipend for keeping the roads clear. Then it was said there had been some quarrel between the King and some of his officers, and Colonel Harley, our administrator on the Coast. Another and more probable cause was there had been a disagreement about the payment of certain dues. The fifth cause, and one which the King himself most likely believed to be true, was that a certain chief who had a great influence with the King of the Ashantee had sent away from Elmina and had stirred up the King to avenge some supposed injury. It is to be hoped that the real cause of the King's hostile movement is to be found somewhere in this very copious list, for it seems difficult to say any other possible cause *casu belli* indeed, unless some "breach of etiquette at an African water place."

THE MIGRATIONS OF USEFUL PLANTS.—The new gardening began after the reign of Henry II, when the Middle Ages came to a close, and the barons and proprietors were replaced by the English country gentlemen. Hops were introduced in the

of England by Henry the Eighth's fruit great houses were built and surrounded with grounds, and their owners began to look about shrubs and trees of ornament. Henry the deer, and laid out his parks and groves with lawns, and bordered the woodlands with the pippin of that name so that—

"Which to equal has in art or fame,
Holland House, deerly loved, No-nach:—"
Hampton Court, especially. No-nach:—"
Holland House, Theobalds, and Windsor followed, with others too numerous to mention. Fifty foreign trees and shrubs were used at this in the decoration of English gardens, and in the reign a host of planters were seeking for new material. The name was known among the Introduction at Fulham (1581) from the garden of the Bishop of London. Grindal so surrounded his palace with flowers,

claire foliage that his guest, Queen Elizabeth, claimed she could not see from her chamber window for trees. Cecil's house at Wimbledon was famous for trees and shrubs, and Raleigh's at St James's Palace was famous for its collection of boxwood. The plants in the kingdom at his time were the plants of the Strand; and Gerrard, author of the "Herbarium vivum", who lived at the Physic Garden in Holborn, supervised the Lord Treasurer's grounds. He too, now formed his plantations at Goshambury, wrote his essay "On Gardens." Amongst the plants, the "noble laurel" (*Laurus nobilis*), sacred to Apollo and emblem of victory, its second visit to England; as did the Portulacaeum, which was introduced into the Oxford Botanical Garden in 1648; and the common laurel, which reached the West from the shores of the Black Sea round Russia, round Persia, and round the Cape of Good Hope, was then sent by the German Ambassador

1570, to Clusius, keeper of the Botanic Garden
Vienna. The "plum of Trebizond" as the lat-
ter was called, arrived with a horse-chestnut and
rare trees and shrubs, having narrowly es-
caped the flames of a war which brought the
movement. It was placed by Clusius in
when nearly dead, and was saved and pri-
vately distributed amongst the friends of
botanist. We, however, obtained "this rare tree"
as brought from Italy, and our oldest list
from Ravenna, was *Alvina Vesicaria* in 1614, by
Countess. Arundel, who had been at the
Castle. "The fig of Spain," as ancient Pistol
others have erroneously called it, was
introduced by Cardinal Pole, who planted
against the wall of Lambeth Palace,
which remained in Rome Archbishop of Cam-
bridge after the death of the last Pope, and
still a century ago, I recollect the Eastern tree

FRANÇOIS PIERRESENTE.—The French papers are full of discussions which are the least interesting and the least irritating to Frenchmen. The day before yesterday it was affirmed that the Orleanists proposed to acknowledge the Comte de Chambord as King of France, the King in return agreeing to wear the white flag only as the Royal Standard, and a further statement to the effect that yesterday it was affirmed that the Comte de Paris had agreed to wear as "Sire," and all difficulties had thereby vanished; while to-day it is alleged that the Orleanists still maintain "certain reserves" about Comte de Chambord's government, and so on. Considering

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found by the family law promulgated by Napoleon I—that he seeks to re-enter France, and he will accept any position to which he may be named by the will of the French people. In view, however, he would accept the Imperial Crown if he became emperor, but not otherwise. But this being said, he should abstain from posing as a candidate for talking of "hardships," and be simply Joseph Napoleon Bonaparte, with no family obligations or rights of any sort except those entailed by his relationship. It is stated that the commotion and excitement caused by this manifesto—only half-impeccably published by a letter from his secretary—will wait for his employer's signature—is profound, and we can readily believe it. The *fame* of the French parties is not patience, waiting till a boy Prince comes to manhood is not precisely the function which they have been performing.

The *Le Figaro*, dipping into the archives will certainly ascertain, for the first time, what was the

ENGLAND'S FOREIGN POLICY TESTED.—The *News* thinks that the principles of foreign policy which the Government have hitherto deliberately adopted are at the present undergoing a severe trial. It is not, however, without some doubt that the patience of the English people has pretty severely tried by the application of the principle, as an abstract doctrine, all sensible people approved. There were times when it seemed as though the people were able to bear any longer the humiliations and humiliations of a curious and half-worn-out, and the world of work and cynical world upon the sudden. The peace and patience which had come over England. All this however, the English people did bear, very manfully, in the knowledge that their Ministry

wholly by a sense of gratitude to a dread of war, to imagine (the *New York Times*) a greater disaster to the progress and general adoption of that principle on which we hope international disputes may all come to be settled than the policy of a Government which at the present, disavows any responsibility for the pledge of non-interference in the traditional reputation of England to a dread of the consequences of a weak word and a resolute attitude. The English people are not means a race of angels. The part of the mere peemaker is, we ought perhaps to be sorry to say such a part, not new in the history of the world. They have heard a story of a story about their own inclination to run risks; and they do so. It is not like the idea of being blindly counted out in political considerations. We confess, therefore, to be greatly afraid of any reaction which should drive the British people into a resolve to show mercy to the aggressor.

CRICKET.—A match was played on Saturday, between the Railway Locomotive C. C. and the Currency C. C., on the Currency Cricket Ground, resulting in a victory to the former with seven wickets. The following is a list of the scores:—Currency C. C. 29; Railway Locomotive C. C. 40. A cricket match was played on the Newtown Ground on May 8, between the Railway Locomotive and Traffic C. C. of the Railway Works, and the Newtown Cricket Club. The following are the innings with three runs to spare. The following is the score:—Locomotive C. C., 80; Traffic C. C., first innings 100, second 100. Total, 200. The following is the score:—Locomotive C. C., 77; Traffic C. C., first

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